

HAMPTON NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

CORNERSTONE LAYING

Interesting Ceremonies at Pythian Castle Tomorrow.

DAY'S PROGRAM ARRANGED

Hon. D. C. Richardson, of Richmond, Will Deliver the Principal Address. One of the Leading Features Will be the Grand Parade.

Thursday will be a great day with the Pythians of Hampton when many visiting Pythians are expected here to take part in the exercises of the laying of the cornerstone for the handsome new castle hall now being erected on west Queen street by Kecoughtan Lodge, No. 29.

It is expected that fully 500 visiting knights will be present on the occasion and among them will be included all the Grand Lodge officers.

While the program for the day has not been fully completed enough has been made out to guarantee that the day will surpass anything that has ever before been undertaken by the Pythians of Hampton.

The feature of the exercises will undoubtedly be the address of Hon. D. C. Richardson, of Richmond, who has been invited to be the orator of the occasion.

Mr. Richardson is an excellent speaker and his address will no doubt be a masterly piece of oratory.

The most notable spectacle of the day will be the grand parade which will take place in the afternoon just before the cornerstone laying.

The ceremonies will take place about 4:30 o'clock.

The First Regiment Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, of Virginia, has been invited to be present and form the parade for the occasion, and every company will doubtless attend with full ranks. Colonel G. W. Batterley, of Norfolk, will be in command and the regiment embraces the companies from Norfolk, Portsmouth, (2) Suffolk, Newport News and Hampton. There will probably be some one hundred and fifty men in line, besides the members of the subordinate lodge of Newport News and the local lodge. The visitors will probably arrive here about noon on that day and the parade will form about 2:30 and will move over the principal streets such as Queen, King, Locust, Fulton, Marshall, Mallory avenue, Armistead avenue, Holt, Chapel, Lee, Newport News avenue &c., ending at the new building where the corner-stone ceremonies will take place. The visitors at the close of the exercises will partake of a lunch at the Armory Hall.

The committees having the affair in charge are working to make it a complete success.

Colonel George M. Richter is at the head of the regular Corner-stone Committee, and M. P. Holt, of the Committee on Parade, and Mr. Thomas Jones is chairman of the Special Lodge Committee.

It has been requested that the business men will decorate their places of business on that day so as to make the town present as pretty an appearance as possible, and it will be greatly appreciated by the knights. Again, any persons who have articles they wish to deposit in the corner-stone will give the same to Colonel Richter not later than Tuesday.

The erection of the Pythian castle in Hampton marks an important epoch in the history of the town as well as the history of the lodge, for no institution in the place is more closely identified with the people of Hampton and the history of the old town than the Kecoughtan Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias. Its members have been chosen from the most representative men of Hampton, and its work has done much to advance the interests of the community.

In 1873, when the town had scarcely risen from the ashes of the civil war, Kecoughtan Lodge was organized. The order then was but nine years old, but had grown rapidly up to that time.

The organizers saw in Hampton the material for an active branch of their order. Accordingly, on the night of the 15th of January, 1873, in old Greble Lodge, which was, and is now, the home of Greble Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 27, Kecoughtan Lodge was instituted by Past Grand Chancellor Joseph E. Spruill and associates. The following roster of officers and members made up the body: Past chancellor, W. W. Roche; chancellor, George R. Wood; vice-chancellor, George W. Topping; vice-chancellor, James W. Perke; prelate, George W. Richter; master of finance, John B. Roberts; master of exchequer, George R. Wood; keeper of records and seal, George R. French; outer guard, John R. Darden; inner guard, James E. Welch, and the following knights: Henry A. Tabb, T. F. Ashe, C. H. Palmer, S. E. Blkford, Charles E. Hewins, C. Lynch, S. B. Wood, W. A. Wood, James Page, S. W. Johnson, N. Briggeman, William F. Winne, M. H. Haas, George W. Peck, T. J. Topping, Edward Hogge, Oliver Nichols, F. A. Schroeder, Charles Arnold, W. E. Wilkins, Daniel Sullivan.

Many of these names are not even recognized by the average Hamptonian, so great has been the change in this vicinity. Many of these men are dead. The early struggles of the lodge, as told by the surviving members, form an interesting story, and a recount of the inner life would open the eyes of the uninitiated.

The young lodge continued to prosper until 1876 and then there was a decline of interest, but in 1878, a few determined members made a new start and brought the organization out of its lethargic state. Since that time there have been a few periods of inactivity, such as were unavoidable, owing to the exigencies of the times, but with these few exceptions the order here has steadily flourished and grown. So rapidly did the lodge grow and prosper that in 1883, the Grand Lodge met in Hampton as the guests of the local lodge and were most royally entertained by them.

In 1878 Kecoughtan Lodge removed its quarters from Greble Lodge to the hall over E. G. Darden's store at the corner of King and Queen streets which hall had been fitted up especially for them. For nine years this was the home of No. 29, but, realizing that the membership was outgrowing its quarters, in 1887 the lodge moved to the third floor of Lake's building on Queen street near Court, which had been fitted up for it. Affairs progressed smoothly for several years, the order meanwhile increasing its membership steadily, but in 1892, nearly all of the property of the lodge was destroyed by a disastrous fire which destroyed the entire building.

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ing in which they were located. Phoenix-like they arose from their ashes, and in a remarkably short space of time were in shape for work once more. About 1894 Kecoughtan Lodge entered upon what has proven to be its most prosperous period up to this time. Since that time nothing has interrupted its growth, which has been a most vigorous one. Its standard of membership has always been high, though it has aimed to keep no worthy man out of its portals.

For many years, it has been the desire of the lodge to own its own home. With a few to this, some years ago, two lots on Queen street, in a most desirable part of the town, were purchased at a reasonable figure. Since the recent increase in values, these lots have proven to be one of the most valuable pieces of property in Hampton. Six months ago it was found that the lodge could secure such a home as it needed to build a handsome castle hall, and committees were appointed to arrange the matter. Those committees lost no time in attending to their work, as the substantial structure now being erected will show. This castle, when completed, will cost a trifle over \$20,000, and will be one of the best equipped buildings in this section. On the first floor will be two stores; on the second, several suites of offices; and on the second and third a portion of which will be thrown into one floor, will be situated the auditorium, which will be nicely equipped for theatricals and entertainment purposes. On the fourth floor the lodge room will be fitted up, and every effort will be made to equipt it in the most suitable and useful manner.

In 1888, D. J. Turner Division of the Uniform Rank, was instituted with appropriate ceremonies. This branch of the order has likewise flourished. Its first officers were: Captain George M. Richter, First Lieutenant V. P. Holt, Second Lieutenant W. E. Lawson. Captain Richter is now Lieutenant-colonel of the brigade staff and Lieutenant Lawson is also a staff officer. The present officers are: Captain, V. P. Holt; first lieutenant, Thomas J. Harkins; second lieutenant, C. W. Hecksman; treasurer, W. J. Boone. To the Uniform Rank has been assigned the duty of managing the parade incident to the corner-stone laying.

Kecoughtan Lodge since its institution has had among its representatives in the Grand Lodge of the order, W. W. Roche, E. W. Holt, T. F. Ashe, G. M. Richter, C. H. Palmer, E. E. Montague, V. P. Holt, R. B. Tennyson, J. A. Cumming and J. W. Saunders. Mr. George M. Richter is the only member of the lodge who has been honored as an officer in the Grand Lodge, he being a Past Grand Chancellor of the State of Virginia. Of the present membership, G. M. Richter is the only member who has continued a member from the organization of the lodge until the present time. Of the charter members only three are now in the lodge, George M. Richter, George R. Wood and Samuel B. Wood. The present membership of the lodge is 107. Since the organization 122 members have been initiated into Kecoughtan Lodge, showing that nearly fifty-six per cent. of its entire membership is now in the order. Among the deceased knights are: William E. Wilkins, E. W. Holt, J. J. Barnes, James M. Vaughan, Robert Hassenburg, George P. Owen, ex-Mayor W. W. Topping and ex-Mayor P. W. Phillips.

The present officers of Kecoughtan Lodge are: Past chancellor, S. Gordon Cumming, chancellor commander, Robert L. Tennyson; vice-chancellor, Thomas L. Burbank; prelate, W. S. Vaughan; master of work, Thomas Jones; master at arms, John Weymouth; inner guard, George W. Phillips; outer guard, Robert E. Wilson; master of finance, H. N. G. Corson; master of exchequer, V. P. Holt; keeper of records and seal, P. C. Rees.

Elaborate preparations have been made to insure the success of the laying of the corner stone on Thursday next. The following committee has the honor in hand: G. M. Richter, T. F. Ashe, S. Gordon Cumming, C. W. Hickman and John Weymouth. In addition to this committee, a further one, consisting of Thomas Jones, E. B. Chiles and R. C. Hall has been appointed. The Uniform Rank, under the chairmanship of Captain Holt, has the parade, refreshments, etc., in charge, and will attend most assiduously to their duties. Hon. D. C. Richardson, of Richmond, a prominent member of the order, has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration at the corner-stone celebration. All of the Grand Lodge officers have been invited, and most of them have accepted, and signalled their intention of being present. Owing to the inability of Grand Chancellor, Robert Cattell, of Lexington, to be present, Vice-Chancellor Charles T. Bland, will act in his stead.

Kecoughtan Lodge is in an excellent condition financially. Many of her members are in other parts of the country, but they all feel that they owe their allegiance to her, and will take no withdrawal cards. A liberal subscription has always been paid, and the relief committees of the lodge have been active and efficient.

As an example of the make-up of the membership of Kecoughtan Lodge, when the spring elections were held last May, it was found upon taking stock, that of the county and district officers elected, Kecoughtan Lodge (though not a political organization) had fifteen members who were so fortunate as to be on the winning side.

The members are enthusiastic and the older ones "go for" the new material just as they did many years ago.

The meetings are often characterized by almost boyish buoyancy and spirit, though no feature of the work is ever marred by lack of dignity or proper appreciation of solemnity. It is likely that the "goat," when he enters his new quarters, will be more rampant than ever to ride the newcomers through the mazes and terrible mazes of Pythianism.

It is indeed most fitting that the Pythian Castle should be built just as Hampton is entering upon the greatest period of her prosperity. It marks an equal progress and shows that the fortunes of the town and the order are linked together.

TO BE MARRIED IN STAUNTON.

Cards of invitation have been received in Hampton to the marriage of

Miss Minnie Paine, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. M. J. Paine, of Staunton, Va., and Mr. W. S. Knisley, of Monterey, Highland county, Va. The happy event will take place in the Second Presbyterian church of Staunton Tuesday morning, September 19th, at 10 o'clock. Both of the young people are very popular in their respective homes.

THE LYONS APPEAL CASE.

Judge Lee to Render His Decision in the Case This Morning.

The appeal case of Mr. John A. Lyons, who was fined \$300 in a magistrate's court for violating the liquor law, was heard in the County Court before Judge Baker P. Lee yesterday, who, after listening to the arguments, withheld his decision until this morning.

When court convened yesterday morning Col. J. C. Baker, counsel for Rev. T. J. MacKay and the congregation of the Second Baptist church, opened the argument in the case by taking the ground that the case should not come up at this term of the court, giving as his reason that sufficient time was not given to prepare the case. Judge Lee was of the same opinion and continued the hearing until the next term.

Mr. Fay S. Collier, counsel for Mr. Lyons, then spoke at some length, in which he claimed that as Justice Richardson had bailed Lyons in the sum of \$300 for his appearance in the court yesterday. The question arose as to whether Lyons should be sent back to the lower court and re-bailed for his appearance at the next term of the County Court, or whether it was proper for Judge Lee to bail him. Mr. Collier claimed that the warrants were illegally drawn up and that under those circumstances Lyons was not under bond. The ground upon which Mr. Collier based his argument was that it was not stated whether Lyons sold whiskey without a State of county license; second, that the place was not given and thirdly the warrants were illegally drawn upon their face. After arguing for two hours, Judge Lee adjourned court until 5 o'clock, when Mr. Collier completed his argument.

Judge Lee's decision in the matter will be watched with interest, as the case has been one of much comment in Hampton.

During the course of the argument yesterday Mr. Lyons, who had been seated by his counsel, got up and left the courthouse. Commonwealth's Attorney Montague called the attention of the court to the fact that Mr. Lyons had disappeared, and Mr. Collier replied that he would be responsible for Mr. Lyons. The bail bond expired yesterday, but as the matter is unsettled in court, Mr. Lyons was allowed to go free upon Mr. Collier's promise to have him here this morning when court opens.

KILLED ON THE RAIL.

Robert Harris, of Richmond, Meets With a Fatal Accident.

Mr. Robert Harris, a brakeman on the Chesapeake and Ohio freight train that reaches Hampton every afternoon about 5 o'clock, was killed yesterday afternoon shortly after the arrival of the train near Hampton bridge, which is just below the Chesapeake and Ohio depot. Mr. Harris' home is in Richmond.

At the time Mr. Harris met his death he was engaged in coupling up some cars in order to complete his work. As is the usual custom of brakemen, Mr. Harris was walking between the cars and the train was moving at a slow rate. He is some manner got his foot caught in the "frog" of the switch, and before he could disengage the tied up member, the deadly wheels were upon him. Grasping one of the heavy iron bars, the unfortunate man swung onto it until he was dragged twenty feet before the train could be stopped. As soon as the men in charge of the train could get to him he was picked up and carried to the embankment along the track. He was still conscious and talked with his fellow workmen, telling them how the accident occurred. He also stated that his back was broken, and was fully aware of the fact that he had only a few minutes to live. Dr. J. W. Hope was hastily summoned, but when he reached the scene Mr. Harris had breathed his last and was dead.

Upon examination Dr. Hope found that a large hole had been torn in the man's back and the bone was broken in several places. It is very remarkable that Mr. Harris should have lived nearly thirty minutes, and demonstrates the fact that he must have possessed a great amount of vitality. Shortly after the sad accident had occurred Coroner Jones was notified, but after viewing the remains deemed an inquest unnecessary. The body was then turned over to Undertaker F. C. Rees, who prepared it for burial. The remains will be conveyed to his home in Richmond on the early train this morning, and the funeral services will likely take place in that city this afternoon.

Mr. Harris was about 38 years old, and is said to have a wife and five children dependent upon him at his home in Richmond. He had been braking on the road for eight years and had never met with an accident during the time. His family relations are very extensive and among his fellow workmen nothing but praise could be heard of him. He has a sister, Mrs. Goodman, residing in Newport News.

Telegrams conveying the sad news of the death of Mr. Harris were sent to his family last night, who were eagerly expecting him to arrive home at 9 o'clock as was his usual practice. This only makes the untimely demise of the deceased more pitiful for his bereaved family, whose grief must have been unbearable.

MISS CHISMAN RESIGNS.

And Mrs. Copeland is Elected Principal of Blockston School. Mrs. Georgia Copeland was elected principal of the Blockston school near Fox Hall, yesterday by the county school board, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Polly Chisman, a popular young lady who had charge of the school last session. Mrs. Copeland is well fitted for the position

to which she has been elected, and her selection will undoubtedly give general satisfaction to the patrons of the school.

Miss Chisman has been chosen principal of the West End school, and it was owing to this selection that she determined to relinquish her duties as head of the Blockston school. Miss Chisman's friends will be glad to hear that she has been chosen to the West End school.

FIGHT AT BUCKROE.

Two Young Men Give an Exhibition of Sparring. The Results. The large crowd of people at Buckro Beach Monday night were treat-

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